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In re Application of :

Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al.

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Serial No.: 09/640,748

Examiner: Ba K. Trinh

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6B, 7B, 15B, 16B-DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17 α -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7 α -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-6B, 7B; 15B, 16B-DIMETHYLENE-5B-ANDROSTANE-3B,5,17B-TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6B, 7B; 15B, 16B-DIMETHYLENE-5B-HYDROXY-3-OXO-17 α -ANDROSTANE-21,17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Further to the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 15, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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